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To the Chairman and Members of the
Cottingham Urban District Council.

GENTLEMEN,

During the year 1905, the number of deaths registered in your district was 53, as against 57 in the year 1904, being at the rate of 18·8 per thousand of the population.

The following were the ages at which the deaths took place:—

Under One Year	24
1 Year and under 5	3
5 Years and under 15	1
15 Years and under 25	2
25 Years and under 65	12
Over 65	11
TOTAL ...	53

The causes of the deaths and the months in which they took place are the following:—

			AGE.
January—1	Heart Disease	1 ...	70 years.
February—5	Marasmus	1 ...	10 months.
	Phthisis	1 ...	22 years.
	Tubercular Peritonitis	2 ...	7 weeks. 7 weeks.
	Inanition	1 ...	30 minutes.
March—8	Accidental Death	1 ...	2 years.
	Abelectasis	1 ...	1 day.
	Bronchitis	2 ...	84 years. 3 weeks.
	Inanition	1 ...	10 days.
	Rheumatic Fever	1 ...	11 years.
	Tubercular Peritonitis	1 ...	8 weeks.
	Dentition	1 ...	4 months.

				AGE.
April—4	Bronchitis	2	...	79 years. 74 years.
	Dentition	1	...	1 year.
	Jaundice	1	...	16 days.
May—7	Dentition	1	...	10 months.
	Heart Disease	1	...	85 years.
	Broncho Pneumonia	1	...	3 months.
	Senile Decay	1	...	83 years.
	Carcinoma (Breast)	1	...	45 years.
	Bronchitis	2	...	2 years. 13 weeks.
June—2	Accidentally Drowned	1	...	15 years.
	Tubercular Peritonitis	1	...	5 months.
July—3	Heart Disease	1	...	63 years.
	Broncho Pneumonia	1	...	10 weeks.
	Rheumatic Pericarditis	1	...	34 years.
August—6	Tubercular Peritonitis	1	...	6 weeks.
	Epidemic Diarrhœa	3	...	3 weeks. 2 months. 5 months.
	Heart Disease	1	...	67 years.
	Bright's Disease	1	...	54 years.
September—4	Carcinoma (Breast) (Umbilical region)	2	...	67 years. 52 years.
	Intestinal Obstruction	1	...	15 days.
	Whooping Cough	1	...	3 months.
October—4	General Paralysis	1	...	40 years.
	Bronchitis	1	...	36 years.
	Heart Failure	1	...	95 years.
	Convulsions	1	...	7 months.
November—6	Heart Disease	2	...	58 years. 81 years.
	Marasmus	2	...	7 months. 5 months.
	Gastric Ulcer	1	...	52 years.
	Carcinoma (rectum)	1	...	39 years.
December—3	Heart Disease	1	...	53 years.
	Epilepsy	1	...	35 years.
	Paralysis	1	...	73 years.
TOTAL	53			

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It will be seen by the foregoing list that Tubucle is responsible for 6 deaths as compared with 11 in 1904, Cancer 4 against 5 in 1904, Heart Disease 7 against 11, and Epidemic Diarrhœa 3 in the month of August as against 5 in September and October in 1904.

The Infant mortality this year has been very great, the number of deaths under one year being 24 against 18 last year. Many of the infants appeared most unhealthy at birth.

. The number of Births registered in your district during 1905 was 105, viz: 49 boys, 56 girls—the births being 52 in excess of the deaths, as compared with 84 births in 1904.

There have been 62 cases of Infectious diseases notified during the year, viz:—

Erysipelas	42
Scarlet Fever	15
Typhoid Fever	1
Diphtheria	4
TOTAL ...	62

as compared with 71 in last year.

There has been no epidemic of any kind this year.

The water supply of the village has been much reduced of late on account of the shortage of rain, many of the pumps have run dry; the quality of the water is excellent. Almost all the new houses that are erected and are being erected will be supplied from the public service.

The removal of the night soil, and house refuse, is carried on by public scavengers once or twice a week as required. The refuse is at once carted away and distributed on the land outside the village.

The registered slaughter houses are mostly well supplied with plenty of good water and are kept in a satisfactory condition.

With regard to the cowsheds—72 in number—70 of these are registered, the two that are unregistered do not come up to requirements of the Urban District Council, not having a sufficient fresh water supply.

The bakehouses—eight in number—all retail, are all above ground and are quite suited to the purpose, all being satisfactory.

The Carpenters' shops—seven in number—are all well ventilated and are satisfactory.

The Blacksmiths' shops—six in number—are well suited for the requirements.

The Milliners and Dressmakers' business premises—seven in number—are all in a sanitary condition, the air space being sufficient; there is no overcrowding.

The other businesses which come under the head of the "Factory and Workshops Act" viz:—

Plumbers' Shops	2
Hairdressers' Shops	2
Butchers' Shops	4
Fish Shops	2
Drapers' Shops	3
Tailors' Shops	3
Shoemakers' Shops	5
Laundries	2

are all satisfactory.

With regard to Dunswell I would suggest that some means of getting rid of the sewage which runs from the cottages in the centre of the village and remains stagnant in a ditch adjoining Mr. Stamford Smith's stack yard, be adopted. If a wet season comes it will cause inconvenience.

The water is good, but has not been very plentiful on account of the dry season.

The cowsheds are kept in a satisfactory state though they are not all of modern construction.

During the month of May the village was visited with an epidemic of Whooping Cough. I suggested the closing of the school to the manager; it was closed from May 18th to June 13th, then again until July 3rd.

The Carpenters' shop and Smithy are suitable for the purposes for which they are used.

I am satisfied that the village of Dunswell is in a far more sanitary condition than it has been for many years.

I wish to again call the attention of the Council to the want of some suitable place as a temporary shelter in case of any infectious disease breaking out, where persons can be isolated until the necessary means for removal to a Small Pox Hospital or Sanatorium are obtained.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

GEO. H. WATSON,

Medical Officer of Health.

COTTINGHAM,

March 15th, 1906.